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Sustainable Development Goals and UNCAC

In July 2019, the UN High Level Political Forum will review global progress on Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This will be the first time that the progress of the Goal will be reviewed.

The Goal "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels" includes several UNCAC issues: strengthening the recovery and return of stolen assets (16.4), reducing corruption and bribery in all their forms (16.5), effective, accountable and transparent institutions (16.6) and ensuring public access to information (16.10).

Around 40 UN Member States will also conduct their Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), which will examine how they have progressed on achieving the SDGs, including Goal 16. Many of those same countries are also undergoing their 2nd cycle UNCAC reviews, which cover many of the same issues.

World leaders will also be meeting in September 2019 to examine the progress of the SDGs, giving a rare opportunity for high level discussion.

This raises various questions, including:

- How can data collection done for each process can be used for the other?
- How can the energy and momentum for the SDGs can be used to enhance the fight against corruption?
- How can governments and civil society coalitions are using the separate review processes and linkages between them?

To advance discussions on the links between the SDGs and UNCAC, the UNCAC Coalition and ARTICLE 19 are co-organising a Special Event on "Sustainable Development Goals and UNCAC" on Thursday, 6 September 2018, 09:00 – 10:30, UN Vienna, Room M7.

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